

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of Foster et al.

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For: Systems and Methods for Solar
Distillation

Examiner: Virginia Manoharan

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2002, Applicants submit the following:

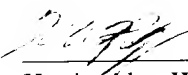
REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-21, without traverse. However, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction of claim 22 and examine claim 22 with claims 1-22 since claim 22 is drawn to a method of forming a solar powered distillation system such as the one claimed in claims 1-21.

Favorable action on the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner would like to discuss the restriction, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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